

**Senate File 141 - Introduced**

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BY SODDERS

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to game birds only hunting preserves.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 484B.4, subsection 1, Code 2013, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. A person who owns or controls by lease or otherwise  
4 for five or more years, a contiguous tract of land having an  
5 area of not less than three hundred twenty acres, or in the  
6 case of a hunting preserve for game birds only, an area of not  
7 less than forty acres, and who desires to establish a hunting  
8 preserve, to propagate and sell game birds and their young  
9 or unhatched eggs, and shoot game birds and ungulates on the  
10 land, under this chapter or the rules of the commission, shall  
11 make application to the department for an operator's license.  
12 The application shall be made under oath of the applicant or  
13 under oath of one of its principal officers if the applicant  
14 is an association or corporation. Under the authority of this  
15 license, any property or facilities to be used for propagating,  
16 holding, processing, or pasturing of game birds or ungulates  
17 shall not be required to be contained within the contiguous  
18 land area used for hunting purposes. An application for a  
19 hunting preserve for game birds only, with an area from forty  
20 acres up to three hundred twenty acres in size, shall be  
21 accompanied by a game bird habitat plan which has been approved  
22 by the department. The application shall be accompanied by an  
23 operator's license fee of two hundred dollars.

24 Sec. 2. Section 484B.4, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
25 2013, is amended to read as follows:

26 a. The proposed hunting preserve contains at least three  
27 hundred twenty acres, or in the case of a hunting preserve for  
28 game birds only, at least forty acres, but not more than two  
29 thousand five hundred sixty acres.

30 Sec. 3. Section 484B.4, subsection 2, Code 2013, is amended  
31 by adding the following new paragraph:

32 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* A proposed hunting preserve for game  
33 birds only with an area from forty acres up to three hundred  
34 twenty acres in size is accompanied by a game bird habitat  
35 plan which has been approved by the department, and upon

1 inspection of the proposed hunting preserve, the department is  
2 satisfied with implementation of the plan.

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EXPLANATION

4 This bill relates to the issuance of a license to operate a  
5 hunting preserve that is for game birds only. The bill reduces  
6 the minimum number of contiguous acres that are required for  
7 the establishment of a hunting preserve from 320 acres to 40  
8 acres if the preserve is for game birds only. However, an  
9 application for a license to operate such a hunting preserve  
10 with an area from 40 acres up to 320 acres must be accompanied  
11 by a game bird habitat plan approved by the department of  
12 natural resources and upon inspection of the proposed preserve,  
13 the department must be satisfied with implementation of the  
14 plan before an operator's license can be issued.